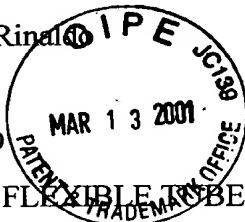


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)
 Applicant: MEZZALIRA, Rinaldo)
 Ser. No.: 09/367,519) Group Art Unit: 3752
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 For: REINFORCED FLEXIBLE TYPE)



DRAWING REVIEW BRANCH
 Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington D.C. 20231 USA

Separate Letter to the Official Draftsman

Sir,

A new formal drawing sheet is attached herewith for entry in this application. The new formal drawing sheet is identical to that already approved by the Examiner, with the exception that all of the numbers, letters, and reference characters have been amended so that they are plain and legible and at least 0.32 cm (1/8 inch) in height, thereby to overcome the informal objections raised by the Office Draftperson in the Office letter dated January 24, 2001.

In order to enter the new formal drawing sheet, applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE dated October 11, 2000 for two months from January 11, 2001 to March 11, 2001, and attached is a Credit Card Payment Form for payment of the appropriate extension fee.

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Respectfully submitted,

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